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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2005, applicant elects claims 41, 42, and 46 of Group IV, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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